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SUBJECT: FRANCE CONDEMNS ATTEMPTED COUP IN CARACAS

QUAI SPOKESMAN GOURDAULT-MONTAGNE ON FEBRUARY 4
CONDEMNED THE ATTEMPTED COUP IN VENEZUELA. ACCORDING
TO GOURDAULT-MONTAGNE, "FRANCE CAN ONLY CONDEMN THE
MILITARY'S ATTEMPTED COUP D'ETAT. FRANCE RENEWS ITS
FULL SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT PEREZ AND THE MAINTENANCE OF
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, THE RULE OF LAW AND
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN VENEZUELA." HE ADDED THAT
FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAD REMAINED IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH
PEREZ DURING THROUGHOUT THE ATTEMPTED COUP.

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